

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Independent claims 1 and 19, along with their dependent claims 4, 6, 8, 22, 24, 26, 37, 39, 41-43, 47-49, and 53-62 are pending. Claims 1, 8, 19, 26, 41, and 47 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 9-18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27-36, 38, 40, 44-46, and 50-52 have been canceled. Claims 53-62 have been added, and claims 56, 57, 61, and 62 have been withdrawn from consideration.

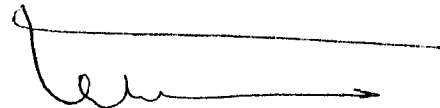
The Office Action asserts that the claims of the present application are directed to three patentably distinct species. In particular, the Office Action suggests that independent claims 1 and 19 are directed to Species 1; independent claims 10 and 28 are directed to Species 2; and independent claims 13 and 31 are directed to Species 3.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 19 to make claims 1 and 19 generic with respect to Species 1 and Species 2, and have added dependent claims 56, 57, 61, and 62 directed to Species 2. Applicant presently elects Species 1, as shown by the exemplary implementation depicted by FIGS. 4-5 in the application, upon which claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 19, 22, 24, 26, 37, 39, 41-43, 47-49, 53-55, and 58-60 are readable. Upon allowance of generic claims 1 and 19, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of presently withdrawn claims 56, 57, 61, and 62, which are directed to Species 2. The election is made with traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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